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Officers of the Association.

W. C. COWAN, Moderator.....Wilmington.
A. D. CARR, Vice-Moderator.....Clear Run.
A. R. MIDDLETON, Recording Secretary.....Kenansville.
Rev. G. N. MERRITT, Corresponding Secretary.....Clinton.
SHADE CONNER, Treasurer.....Mt Olive.

Executive Board.

D. A. WILLIAMS, Chairman.....Kenansville.
A. H. BOON, Secretary.....Magnolia.
B. A. Best.....Clinton. Harvy Murray.....Wallace.
Hardy Burting.....Clinton. Claborn Williams.....Long Creek.
Timothy Williams..Taylor's Bridge.

Ordained Ministers.

Thos. Parker.....Warsaw. W. R. Manor.....Clinton.
D. T. Best.....Clinton. A. M. Manuel...Beaman's X Roads.
W. C. Cowan.....Wilmington. A. D. Carr.....Clear Run.
S. M. Burney.....Supply. E. D. Hill.....Warsaw.
H. T. Smith.....Wilmington. O. Miller.....Wilmington.
Simon Larkin.....Wilmington. L. Melvin.....Cedar Creek.
H. Lee.....Burgaw. J. O. Hayes..Brewerville, W. Africa.
James Carroll....Benaman Bridge. G. N. Merritt.....Clinton.
William Spear.....Long Creek. Hardy Parker.....Holley's Store.
R. J. Lamb.....Long Creek. Jesse Jacob.....Holley's Store.
S. S. Williams.....Buena Vista. S. S. Smith.....Faison.
C. Spicer.....Wilmington. J. M. Peterson.....Engold.

Licentiates.

Jack Swinson.....Warsaw. C. Love.....
J. Peterson.....Warsaw. D. L. Smith.....Wilmington.
W. H. Savage.....Chinquepin. S. C. Larken.....Wilmington.
O. McKenny..... H. Walker.....Long Creek.
Wright Hill.....Clinton.

PROCEEDINGS.

FIRST DAY—Morning Session.

October 16th, 1884.

The Kenansville Eastern Association met in its fourteenth annual session at the Baptist church, Pilgrim's Rest, at 11 o'clock.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder Thos. Parker—used for his text John 15th chapter, 1st verse.

After an intermission for half an hour, the Moderator, Elder W. C. Cowan, called the ministers and delegates together by singing "Blessed be the tie that binds," &c., and ordered that devotional exercises be conducted by Elder E. D. Hill, after which the Moderator announced the house ready for business. Elder A. D. Carr, pastor in charge, came forward and bade the ministers and delegates a hearty welcome.

On motion of A. R Middleton, read church letters and enrolled delegates.

On motion of D. A. Williams, the following were appointed reading clerks: O. M. Boon, S. R. D. Hill and A. C. Moore.

On motion of A R Middleton, the following were appointed a committee on Finance: G. B. Bizzell, D. A. Williams, S. Peterson, S. Carroll and L. Hill.

On motion of Elder E. D Hill, the regular order of business was suspended to appoint the following brothers on Grievances: A. R. Middleton, Rev. L. Melvin, L. H. Hodges, D. R. Williams, A. H. Boon, Rev. G. N. Merritt, H. Murray.

On motion of Elder G N Merritt to appoint the following on Religious Exercises: Elder A. D. Carr, Shade Conner and H. Oats.

On motion of A. R. Middleton, adjourned for dinner.

Benediction by the Moderator.

Afternoon Session.

Moderator, W. C. Cowan, called the ministers and delegates together by singing hymn on page 8870.

Read Psalm of David 148.

Prayer by Elder Jesse Jacob.

The Moderator announced the house ready for business.

On motion of G. Stringfield, the minutes of the morning session were read.

On motion of D. A. Williams, they were received after proper correction.

Committee on Religious Exercises ask to make their report—see report.

On motion of D. R. Williams, the Association adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Benediction by Elder L. Melvin.

SECOND DAY—Morning Session.

The Association assembled at 9 o'clock by singing on page 881, and read 3rd chapter of John.

Prayer by Elder E D. Hill, then the Moderator announced the house ready for business.

On motion of S. R. D Hill, the minutes of yesterday's afternoon session were corrected and received.

Brother A. R. Middleton stated according to the rules of order, the first business was that of calling the roll of delegates. Roll called.

On motion of B. A. Best, the committee on Grievances were requested to report. The committee asked for additional time, and five minutes were given them.

On motion of B. A. Best, the following-named brethren were appointed a committee on Petitionary Letters: B. A. Best, Rev. G. N. Merritt and A. Peterson.

Resolution on behavior—see resolution.

Report of committee on Grievances—see report.

On motion of Elder T. Parker, that the delegates express their feeling to the Association concerning last years minutes.

On motion of B. A. Best, proceeded to elect officers for the ensuing year: For Moderator, Elder W. C. Cowan re-elected; for Vice Moderator, Elder A. D. Carr; for Clerk, Brother A. R. Middleton; for Corresponding Secretary, Elder G. N. Merritt; for Treasurer, Brother Shade Conner—after which Brother W. Jones made a statement, then S. R. D. Hill offered a resolution of thanks to Brother W. Jones.

On motion of Elder A. D. Carr, adjourned for dinner.

Benediction by Elder Thos. Parker.

Afternoon Session.

Met on time. Devotional exercises conducted by Elder L. Melvin.

Read the first division of David.

Prayer by Elder O. Miller.

Moderator announced the house ready for business.

On motion of O. M. Boon, the minutes of second day's forenoon session were read and corrected.

The committee on Religious Exercises reported preaching at the stand at 3 o'clock by Elder O. Miller; Elder G. N. Merritt, alternate.

Resolution offered by D. A. Williams—see resolution.

On motion of A. R. Middleton, the following were appointed delegates to the Middle District Association: Elders T. Parker, W. Jones and Henry Hayes.

On motion of Henry Hayes, Elder T. Parker, Brother A. R. Middleton and Elder G. N. Merritt were appointed delegates to the colored Baptist State Convention to be held at Goldsboro, N. C., October 22d, 1884.

On motion of Elder A. D. Carr, adjourned until to-morrow at 9 o'clock.

Benediction by Elder Simon Wilson.

THIRD DAY—Morning Session.

Met at 9 o'clock. Elder T. Parker read 5th Psalm and offered prayer.

The Moderator announced the house ready for business.

On motion of Gabriel Stringfield, the roll of delegates was called.

On motion of D. R. Williams, the minutes of yesterday's afternoon session were read, corrected and received.

The following were appointed an Executive Committee: D. A. Williams, B. A. Best, A. H. Boon, Hardy Bunting, Claborn Williams and Timothy Williams.

The following were appointed a committee on Time and Place: Samuel Wells, P. Wiley, Brag Boykin, Harry Mathis and Elder L. Melvin.

On motion of Elder G. N. Merritt, the following Elders were appointed an Obituary Committee: Elders T. Parker, Simon Wilson and R. J. Lamb.

On motion of B. A. Best to hear report of the Executive Committee—see report.

On motion of Elder G. N. Merritt, adjourned for 30 minutes.

Benediction by Elder Simon Wilson.

Afternoon Session.

The Association assembled for business on time. The Moderator read the 2nd Psalm. Prayer by Bro. O. M. Boon.

On motion of W. Jones, the minutes of the forenoon session were read and corrected.

On motion of B. A. Best, took up the case of Elder C. Taylor. It was agreed that the Association, for the default of Elder C. Taylor to the Association in the sum of $31.00, disrecognize him as a minister of Kenansville Eastern Association; and recommend that the First Baptist Church of Clinton, N. C., with which his membership is, will take the matter in hand.

The Committee on time and place made their report. See report.

On motion of B. A. Best, we return thanks to the pastor, members, and friends for their kind care and hospitality towards the ministers and delegates since here we have been.

On motion of B. A. Best, we drop off 1,000 copies of the minutes, and in place of 2,000 we will have 1,000 copies printed this year.

On motion of A. C. Moore, the Treasurer's report was read. See report.

On motion of J. D. Johnson, to pay the Clerk, for services, $15.00, an amendment was offered by B. A. Best, reducing it to $12.00, which was adopted.

On motion of W. H. Barder, the report of the committee on Religious Exercises was heard. See report.

On motion of Rev. J. M. Peterson, the report of the committee on Finance was heard. See report.

On motion of Rev. O. Miller, Elder W. C. Cowan made his Missionary report. See report.

Resolution by A. R. Middleton. See Resolution.

The following churches were not represented:

First church, Wilmington, New C. Bethel, Elizabeth Chapel, Shiloh, Man Hollow, Hallsville, Littlefield.

On motion of S. R. D. Hill, adjourned to meet at Magnolia Baptist Church, on Tuesday, October 14th, 1885, at 9 o'clock, a. m. Prayer by Elder A. D. Carr. Benediction by Elder Thomas Parker.

W. C. COWAN, *President.*

A. R. Middleton, *Clerk.*

REPORTS.

REPORT OF TREASURER FROM OCTOBER 15, 1833, TO OCTOBER 17, 1884.

Received at Clinton, N. C., October 20, 1883, - -		$76 80
Paid out to Wesley Jones, Clerk fees, - - -	15 00	
" " " Church Sexton, - - - - -	3 00	
" " " Clinton Church, - - - - - -	2 50	
" " for paper, - - - - - - - - -	80	
" " to Wesley Jones for Minutes, - - -	55 50	
Total amount, - - - - - - - - -		$76 80

B. A. BEST, *Treasurer.*

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

We, your Executive Committee, beg leave to state that the above Treasurer's Report of Bro. B. A. Best is correct. The expenses of the Association at Clinton, N. C., October 18, 19 and 20, amounted to $21.30, which left us $55.50 with which to have the Minutes printed, and as we found this sum insufficient, we went to work and raised the following amounts from the following sources: Shoulder's Branch 50c.; Clinton Church 50c.; Six Runs 50c.; Hill's Chapel 5c.; Red Hill 50c.; Kenansville Church 50c.; Mt. Gilead 50c.; Duplin County Institute $4.00; Union Chapel 50c.; Elizabeth Chapel 50c.. which amounted to $8.45, and added to $55.50 made a total of $63.95, added to $12.17 made the actual cost on Minutes $76.12 to the Association. Expenses at Clinton, $21.30, added together, makes a total cost of $97.42.

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. PARKER, *Chairman*,
S. CARROLL, *Secretary*,
JESSE JACOB,
SHADE CONNER,
D. A. WILLIAMS,
TIMOTHY WILLIAMS,
D. L. SMITH,
Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PETITIONS.

We, your Committee on Petitions, ask to make the following report: Only one letter came before us, a letter petitioning for membership, by the title of Faison Chapel, situated in Duplin county, and organized July 28th, 1884. Delegates: Rufus Faison and R. Wadkin.

Respectfully submitted.

B. A. BEST,
A. PETERSON,
REV. G. N. MERRITT,
Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES.

We, your committee, ask to submit the following report: We find a part of the delay of the Minutes was for the want of the $31.00 the Clerk says that Elder C. Taylor had, and he (the Clerk, W. Jones,) could not receive.

Respectfully submitted,

A. R. MIDDLETON,
L. MELVIN,
E. D. HILL,
D. R. WILLIAMS,
A. H. BOON,
G. STRINGFIELD,
Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS EXERCISES

For Saturday evening and Sunday, preaching at night at 7 o'clock by Elder Jesse Jacob, Elder R. J. Lamb, alternate; Sunday morning at 11 a. m., Missionary Sermon by Elder W. C. Cowan, Elder Thomas Parker alternate.

Preaching Friday night by Elder L. Melvin, Elder E. D. Hill alternate.

Friday, at 11 a. m., preaching at the stand by Elder G. N. Merritt, Elder W. R. Maynor alternate.

Preaching at the stand Saturday at 11 a. m. by Elder R. J. Lamb, O. Miller alternate.

Preaching at the stand Saturday at 2:30 p. m. by Rev. G. N. Merritt, Rev. W. Hill alternate.

Preaching at the stand by Elder R. Riley, Rev. J. M. Peterson alternate.

Respectfully submitted,

A. D. CARR,
SHADE CONNER,
H. OATS,
Committee.

ATTENDING THE PRESS FOR THE ASSOCIATION.

January 21, 1884, from Burgaw to Wilmington,	$ 65
" 22, " one day in Wilmington,	1 25
" 23, " one day in Wilmington,	1 25
From Wilmington to Rocky Point,	40
February 1, time in Wilmington,	1 25
" " railroad fare,	40
Going for the Minutes, September 18th, and return,	80
Due S. G. Hall on Minutes,	4 62
Due freight on Minutes,	1 50
Total,	$12 12

WESLEY JONES, *Clerk.*

RESOLUTIONS.

By J. D. Johnson:

Resolved, That any member that will not obey orders will not be recognized by this Association.

By E. D. Hill:

Resolved, That we appoint a Ministerial Council of not less than ten nor more than thirteen.

By S. R. D. Hill:

WHEREAS, As Brother W. Jones has been faithful in the discharge of his duties,
Resolved, That this Association tender a vote of thanks to him.

By A. R. Middleton:

WHEREAS, This Association, in its great need of means to send a Missionary,
Resolved, That the Moderator of this Association be empowered, with a blank list, to solicit aid in the eastern bounds, and any person or persons may give and sign their names against the amount they give.

By Gabriel Stringfield:

Resolved, That this Association and Auxiliary Missionary Society, with the following board, the Moderator, Vice-Moderator. Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer and the Executive Board, and they shall meet by the call of the Moderator, and the object of this board shall be to supply the Sunday Schools with suitable books.

By A. H. Boon:

WHEREAS, We, the ministers and delegates of this Association, do intdnd to have neatly recorded in a book all the laws, rules, Constitution and proceedings of this and all other sessions of this body, said book to be held by the Clerk of the Association, and to be read at each annual session by him.

By E. D. Hill:

Resolved, That every male and female holding membership in any church composing this Association be taxed four cents per head, and said four cents shall be for Missionary purposes.

CONSTITUTION OF THE KENANSVILLE EASTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be denominated and known as the Kenansville Eastern Association.

ART. 2. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's kingdom among men; and the means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity to the New Testament.

ART. This Association shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches connected with it, each church being entitled to three delegates, who shall be members of that church: *Provided*, that any member in good standing of any church belonging to this Association may become a member of this Association by paying seventy-five cents per annum.

ART. 4. The delegates from each church shall bear a letter certifying their appointment, and communicating information relative to the state of the church: *Provided, however*, that when any church has prepared a letter, and through inadvertence the letter fails to be presented, her delegates may be received without its presentation.

ART. 5. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer, who shall be annually chosen from among its members by ballot, by a majority of the members voting, and continue in office until their successors are elected.

ART. 6. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to enforce an observance of the Constitution, preserve order, appoint committees, decide all questions of order, give his opinion on any question under discussion, after others have spoken, and give the casting vote in case of a tie.

ART. 7. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session, and superintend their printing and distribution among the churches.

ART. 8. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all money sent up by the churches, and collect one-half the funds during the session, and the other half goes to the church where the Association is held, and disburse the same as ordered by the Association. He shall also make to the Association an annual report of the condition of the treasury,

ART. 9. The Association shall appoint an Executive Committee, consisting of not less than five or more than seven members, which committee shall have the superintendence of Associational Missions and Colportage. They shall have power to disburse all sums paid by the Treasurer of the Association for the objects under their charge, and during intervals between the meetings of this body to receive and disburse funds for those objects, and to take such steps for their advancement as they shall deem advisable, and shall make an annual report to the Association of their doings.

ART. 10. The Association shall not maintain fellowship with any of the churches which neglect to preserve gospel order.

ART. 11. The Association may invite visiting and corresponding brethren to seats, and extend to them all the privileges of the body except that of voting.

ART. 12. The annual session of this Association shall commence on Thursday before the third Lord's day in October, at such place as may be chosen.

ART. 13. By appointment of the Association there shall be an Introductory Sermon of a denominational character, and a Missionary Sermon.

ART. 14. This Constitution may be amended at any annual session by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. On the meeting of the Association, the Moderator of the preceding session shall preside until his successor is known. In case of his absence a chairman *pro tem.* shall be elected.

2. Each session of the Association shall be opened with religious exercises, to be conducted by whomsoever the presiding officer may name.

3. At each daily session, and previous to proceeding to business, the names of the delegates shall be called, and the proceedings of the previous daily session read.

4. The members shall observe towards the officers and each other that courtesy which becomes Christians.

5. Any member wishing to speak shall rise and address the presiding officer. He shall confine himself strictly to the question under consideration, and avoid personalities.

6. No member shall speak more than twice on the same question without permission.

7. All motions seconded shall be definitely stated by the presiding officer before discussion.

8. No motion shall be withdrawn after discussion.

9. When a question is under discussion, no motion or proposition shall be received except to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend, or postpone indefinitely, which several motions shall have preference in the order in which they are stated.

10. After a motion has been decided, any member having voted in the majority may move a reconsideration.

11. No member shall absent himself during the session of the Association without permission of the presiding officer, and no one shall take final leave of absence without the permission of the Association; and if any shall do so, their absence shall be noted in the minutes.

12. All questions, except such as relate to the Constitution, shall be decided by a majority of votes.

13. The Association shall have the right to decide what subjects shall be admitted to consideration.

14. The Rules of Order may be altered or amended at any session of the Association by a majority of votes.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Reading Church Letters and Enrolling Delegates.
2. Election of Officers.
3. Call for Petitionary Letters.
4. Appointment of Committees.
5. Appointment of Corresponding Delegates.
6. Reports of Standing Committees.
7. Reports of other Committees.
8. Report of Trustees of Ministers' Relief Society.
9. Report of Treasurer.
10. Miscellaneous Business.
11 Incidental and routine motions shall be in order at any time.
12. Adjournment.

RULES OF DECORUM FOR THE CHURCHES.

1. We will hold at least four Conference meetings in the year for the transaction of business; also special meetings whenver requisite.

2. The names of the members shall be called at every regular meeting, and there shall be due notice taken of the absence of those who evince a disposition to absent themselves.

3. At every Conference the pastor, in his right of office, shall preside as Moderator; and in case of his absence, the Conference shall appoint a Moderator *pro tem.*, who shall open Conference by devotional exercises.

4. The Clerk shall keep a church book, in which all the proceedings of the Conference shall be faithfully transcribed, and at every regular meeting the minutes of the preceding meeting shall be read immediately after the names are called.

5. An invitation shall be given to brethren of our faith and order to sit with us in Conference, who shall enjoy all the privileges of the meeting except that of voting.

6. Every subject for the consideration of the Conference shall be introduced by a motion, which, when seconded, shall be debated and acted upon unless withdrawn by the mover.

7. Every speaker shall rise and address the Moderator by the appellation of brother, and shall confine his remarks to the subject under debate, and shall not be allowed to speak more than twice on one subject, unless by permission of the church.

8. No member shall withdraw from the Conference without the permission of the Moderator.

9. It shall be required that in matters of difference between members, before complaint is made to the church, the aggrieved party shall have duly attended to the instructions of our Lord, Matt. 18th chapter, 16th, 17th and 18th verses, and public offences, or such as operate against the peace of the church, shall be the subjects of discipline.

10. All questions submitted to the Conference shall be decided by a majority of votes, except receiving members to fellowship; and

any question may be reconsidered upon the motion of any who voted in the affirmative.

11. The Moderator shall propound all questions for vote; shall keep the speakers to the subject under debate; may express his views after others are done speaking, and see that these rules are faithfully observed.

12. These Rules of Decorum may be altered or amended by a vote of two-thirds of the whole church.

Resolved, That this Association recommend the apoption of the foregoing rules to the churches that comprise this body

COVENANT.

Forasmuch as Almighty God, by His grace, has been pleased to call us, as we hope (whose names are underneath subscribed,) out of darkness into His marvellous light; and all of us have been regularly baptized on a profession of our faith in Christ Jesus, and have given up ourselves to the Lord, and to one another in a Gospel Church relation, to be governed and guided by a proper discipline, according to God's Word. We do, therefore, in the name of our Lord Jesus, and by His assistance, covenant and agree to keep this discipline of the Church, of which we are members, in the most brotherly affection towards one another, and endeavor punctually to observe the following rules: 1st. In brotherly love to pray for each other, to watch over one another, and if need be in the most tender and affectionate manner, to reprove one another; that is, if we discover anything amiss in a brother, to go and tell him of his faults, according to the directions given in the 18th chapter of the Gospel by Matthew, and not be whispering and backbiting. 2d. We also agree, with God's assistance, to pray in our families, attend our church meetings, and not to absent ourselves from the communion of the Lord's Supper without a lawful excuse. To be ready to communicate to the defraying the church expenses, and support of the Missionary, and not irregularly depart from the fellowship of the church, nor to remove to distant churches without a regular dismission.

These things we do covenant and agree to observe and keep sacred, in the name of and by assistance of the Holy Trinity. Amen.

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FINANCIAL COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

CHURCHES.	Associational Funds.	Sunday Schools.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.
Washington Cathrine,	$ 2 00	$	$	$
Roseville,	2 00			
Peter's Tabernacle,	2 00			
Hill's Chapel, Pender county,	95			
Magnolia,	2 00		25	25
Hill's Chapel, Duplin county,	2 00	1 00		
Mt. Guilead,	2 00			
Beaver Dam,	2 00		1 00	
Kenansville,	2 00		1 00	
Faison's Chapel (a new church),	2 00			
Union Chapel, (original Bordeaux),	2 00			
Peterson Chapel,	2 00			
Red Hill,				
Smith's Chapel,	2 00			
Love Grove,	2 00			
Mt. Pleasant,	2 00			
Chinquepin,	2 00			
Snow Hill,	2 00			
Pilgrim's Rest,	2 00			
Piny Grove,	2 00			
Hall's Chapel,	2 00		50	
Johnson Grade,	2 00			
St. John's (originally Rily's Creek),	2 00			
Brown's Chapel,	2 00			
Friendship,	1 00			
Bear Swamp,	2 00	1 00	50	50
Clinton,	2 00			
Six Run,	95	2 00	1 45	75